

APPROVED: Meeting No. 10-92

ATTEST: *Sharon Block*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 08-92

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The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on February 24, 1992, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Councilmember James F. Coyle

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and Assistant City Attorney Sondra Block.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. With respect to the W. Montgomery Avenue reconstruction, the State of Maryland has awarded a paving contract to Nazario Construction Company, and they will have until the summer of 1993 to complete construction. Final design will include a single westbound lane, a single eastbound lane and a middle left-turning lane which should greatly increase the capacity and safety of the street.

In response to Mayor Duncan's question as to when the telephone poles along W.

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Montgomery Avenue would be removed, the City Manager advised that the main trunk cables are being taken down by the telephone company now and, in another week or two, the poles will be ready for removal.

2. Staff has undertaken efforts to ensure cost containment, and one proposal which has been reviewed is the combining of two special events, in particular, Rockville Day and the Antique and Classic Car Show which would be held in mid-October. The Recreation and Park Advisory Board has endorsed this proposal.

3. This Wednesday, there will be a Hometown Holidays kickoff celebration for sponsors and the Chamber of Commerce partners.

4. Regarding the issue of traffic conditions at Dundee Road and Glenora, there are a couple of things that will be done to enhance pedestrian movement: the playground sign at westbound Dundee will be relocated; construction necessary for curb ramps will be completed as part of the FY93 concrete maintenance program; and the painted crosswalk will then be installed.

Re: Recognition of Greg Bayor,
Director of Recreation and
Parks

The Mayor and Council presented Greg Bayor with a key to the City of Rockville in recognition of the outstanding job he has done for the City over the past six years as Director of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Bayor will be leaving Rockville to accept a new position in Elgin, Illinois. It was noted by the Mayor and Council that the City's recreation programs are nationally recognized, and Mr. Bayor has maintained a standard of excellence.

Steve Edwards, Chairperson, Recreation and Park Advisory Board, and member of the Redgate Advisory Committee, recognized Mr. Bayor for the leadership he has provided at the golf

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course and presented him with a lifetime membership to the Redgate Golf Course.

Mayor Duncan stated that there has always been confidence in the Recreation and Parks Department's ability to perform tasks well and quickly, and this is Mr. Baylor's legacy. Both Councilmembers Krasnow and Marrinan commented that they consistently hear praises of the City's recreation programs in their meetings with citizens. Councilmember Robbins, a former Recreation official himself, commented that although his departure is a great loss to Rockville, the City has been blessed to have had the services of Greg Baylor as its Recreation and Parks Director for the past six years.

Mr. Baylor thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the years and his staff for their assistance.

Re: Citizens Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Dickran Hovsepian, 2 Tweed Court, introduced Mrs. Guttinger who has brought to Rockville two visitors from the new country of Kyrgystan in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Mrs. Guttinger, a senior economist with the U.S. Customs Service, noted that the two visitors were interested in visiting Rockville because of its sister city affiliation with Pinneberg, Germany. Mrs. Guttinger introduced the two guests as: Ravil Galliamov, Director of the Business Management Institute, a training center for entrepreneurs, and Alex Ivanov, who works for Pacific Resources Incorporated in Kyrgystan as a project manager.

Mayor Duncan welcomed the guests to Rockville.

2. Ruth Hanessian, 303 Highland Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for

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sponsoring Hometown Holidays and commented that there are many business owners not in the immediate Town Center area who would like to participate. These businesses are interested in identifying a unified city in the celebration of Hometown Holidays and in participating in as many activities as possible. A citywide sidewalk sale was mentioned as a way to involve such businesses.

Mayor Duncan responded that staff will follow-up with the Chamber of Commerce in coordinating this effort.

There being no other citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Kenneth Lechter and Eileen Mader were reappointed to two-year terms on the Cultural Arts Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Patrick Greaney was reappointed to a two-year term on the Recreation and Park Advisory Board.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded, with Mayor Duncan abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 04-92 (February 3, 1992) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 05-92 (February 8, 1992) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded, with Mayor Duncan abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 06-92 (February 10, 1992) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 07-92 (February 18, 1992) were approved, as written.

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Re: Consent Agenda

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda item was approved:

- B. Receipt of financial reports summarizing the results of City operations for the period from July 1, 1991 through January 31, 1992.

Re: Award of contract for the Saturday night concert entertainment, Hometown Holidays 1992, to Jan Davis Entertainment in the amount of \$28,500.

There are sufficient funds available in the Special Events budget for this contract.

Councilmember Krasnow noted that Dan Seals, the country/western singer who will be performing, has had 12 number one country/western hits during the past four years. This should be a very popular concert and she is very much in favor of featuring a current star for Hometown Holidays.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the contract was awarded to Jan Davis Entertainment in the amount of \$28,500 for the Saturday night concert entertainment, Hometown Holidays 1992 (Consent Agenda Item A).

Re: Approval for Councilmember Robbins to attend The Renewable American Community Conference: Local Solutions to National Problems.

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Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded, with Councilmember Robbins abstaining, the Mayor and Council approved attendance by Councilmember Robbins at The Renewable American Community Conference: Local Solutions to National Problems in Orlando, Florida in May (Consent Agenda Item C).

Re: Discussion and Instructions to Staff - Review of Montgomery County Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for FY1993-98 to develop comments for submission to Montgomery County Council.

The City Manager commented that the City annually submits comments to the County Council regarding their CIP. Stacy Wood, Planner II, outlined the projects which impact the City of Rockville. The number of projects has decreased significantly since last year in view of the fact that a number of projects dealing with the infrastructure have been completed and the County has cut back considerably on their CIP projects.

Gude Drive - Maryland 355 to Southlawn Lane

The County plans to resurface this roadway to improve riding conditions and safety. Also included in this project are median modifications along Maryland 355 at the Gude Drive intersection. Appropriate stormwater management and street trees are included.

The Planning Commission recommends support of the completion of this project by the Mayor and Council.

Key West Avenue - Gude Drive to I-270

This project entails the design of a portion of two sections of Key West Avenue, one for a six-lane section between Gude Drive and Research Boulevard and a second seven-lane section

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between Research Boulevard and Hurley Avenue.

The Planning Commission recommends that the Mayor and Council support early implementation of this project to relieve congestion on the existing Route 28 for improvement of access to the local neighborhood. The Commission also would like to remind the County that, for the purpose of continuity, the City intends to change the name of the portion of the roadway in Rockville to W. Montgomery Avenue upon completion of the project.

Discussion and clarification followed regarding the location of the portion of the road to be renamed.

Life Sciences Center Roadway Improvements

This project provides funds for a number of roadway improvements to meet the requirements of the Adequate Public Facilities test for the Life Sciences Center. Six specific improvements are detailed in the project and further refinement regarding actual improvements may be forthcoming.

The Planning Commission recommends that the Mayor and Council support early implementation of this project to relieve existing and future traffic congestion and to enhance the safe and efficient flow of traffic at the various locations under consideration.

Early implementation means as early in the six-year cycle as possible, based on overall funding.

Ritchie Parkway (Wootton Parkway)

This project includes the County funded portion of the construction of Wootton Parkway as a four-lane, divided arterial roadway. The project now is being managed by City staff, and the roadway is now operational.

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It is recommended that the Mayor and Council support the completion of this project in accordance with the funding arrangements previously set forth. Staff also recommends that the Mayor and Council seek County support for funding the extension of W. Ritchie Parkway to Route 28 under a similar arrangement.

Councilmember Marrinan was advised that the portion of Wootton Parkway from Falls Road to Route 28 has a planned extension or widening when traffic volumes meet a certain level. With Mayor and Council approval, the County will be requested to mention this item in the CIP as a joint funding project.

As to whether the joint funding arrangement will result in the City losing control as to type of traffic allowed on this road, the City Manager responded that this issue would be part of the negotiations to occur at some time in the future.

Avery Road Bridge

This project provides for the replacement of the one-lane bridge on Avery Road over Rock Creek. The new two-span bridge will provide for two 12-foot travel lanes with two-foot shoulders on each side.

It is recommended that the County consider expanding this project to include improvement to Avery Road between the City limits and the bridge. Staff also recommends that the County fund their share of the project abutting County property within the City limits.

Seven Locks Technical Center

This is a multi-phase project for improvement of existing facilities utilized by four Montgomery County Department of Transportation divisions. Improvements will include items related to health, fire protection and safety.

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Support of this project is recommended by the Planning Commission. Improvements should be directed to items of health, fire and safety. Any additions or site modifications will require Use Permit approval by the City.

Rockville Regional Library

This project provides for the minor rehabilitation of the current Rockville Regional Library to ensure its viability for the next ten years at the current site. Consideration will be given to alternatives, including a new facility or a complete renovation, at a future time.

The Planning Commission recommends support of this project. If a new library site is chosen, it should be located within the central business district in close proximity to the County government center. Coordination with the City in terms of location is required.

Mayor Duncan asked if the Twinbrook Library was included in the County's CIP and was advised that there is no current project for this site.

Rockville High School - Second Gymnasium

The proposed second gym is substantially smaller than the main gym and is required for the physical education program, extracurricular activities and for auxiliary space for community activities.

Councilmember Marrinan was advised that Rockville is the only City high school which does not have a second gym.

The Planning Commission recommends support of this project.

College Gardens Elementary School Addition

This project is for a four-room addition with funds for only two rooms. The remaining two rooms would be master planned, as needed.

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The Commission recommends support of this project in addition to further study of the issues involved with the ultimate goal of creating boundaries acceptable to all concerned parties. Special exception and use permit applications have been filed for the two-room project.

Councilmember Krasnow inquired as to the appropriateness of comments for projects which were not included in the County's CIP, and staff responded that additional comments could be added.

Mayor Duncan requested that staff investigate the status of the modernization of Meadow Hall Elementary and ensure that it is included in the CIP.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, staff was instructed to prepare comments on the CIP for submission to the Montgomery County Council as set forth above.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

None.

Re: New Business

With respect to the consolidation of Rockville Day and the Antique and Classic Car Show, Councilmember Krasnow asked if this change would be effective this year. The City Manager responded that it would be implemented this year and, thus, would represent a savings in both the FY92 and FY93 budgets. Staff advised that the anticipated increased crowds could be accommodated. Mayor Duncan noted that staff was asked to review cost-cutting measures and this proposal would not eliminate any special events but, rather, would consolidate two. Councilmember Krasnow emphasized the need to publicize this change, and Mayor Duncan reiterated that the City is not cancelling Rockville Day, but consolidating it with another event to be held in October.

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Re: Next Meeting

Tomorrow evening, February 25, the Mayor and Council will hold a worksession on the annexation of Irvington Farm. The next general session is scheduled for March 9.

Re: Adjournment

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m., to convene again in Worksession at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 1992, or at the call of the Mayor.